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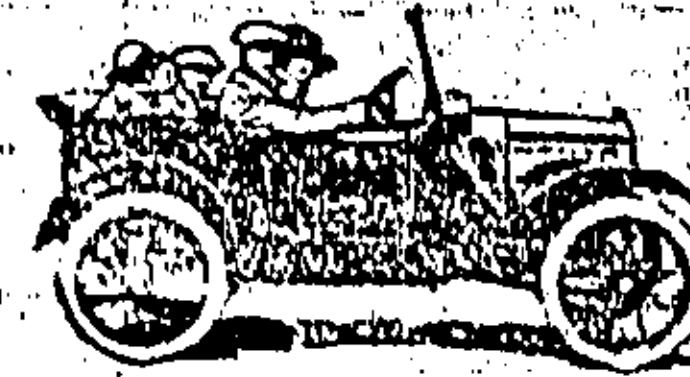
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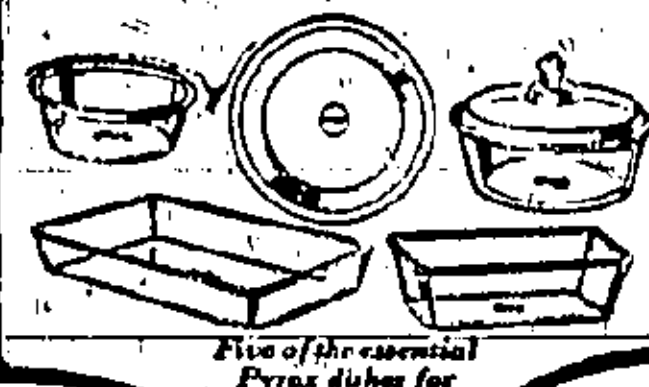
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## BRITAIN'S PROBLEMS. RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA. GENEVA PROTOCOL.

How Egypt Must Do Her Duty.

Britain's foreign problems were debated in the House of Commons yesterday, relations with Russia and Egypt receiving special attention.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 15.

When the debate on the King's Speech was resumed in the House of Commons, Mr. C. P. Trevelyan (Labour), who attacked the Government's policy towards Egypt and Russia, asked whether



AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN

Egypt was now really independent and what the Government proposed to do as regards Russia with which other countries were now making commercial agreements.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said his conversations with M. Herriot, Premier of France, and Mr. Mussolini, Premier of Italy, were conducted in the true spirit of the League of Nations, establishing mutual relations of trust and confidence.

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that the conversations had come as close to agreement as possible, but never at the expense of those not there. He had heard much of the foreign viewpoint upon the Geneva protocol, but he himself was unable to express any opinion on the protocol on behalf of the Government because the first Cabinet meeting regarding the protocol had only been held on the day of his departure.

Mr. Chamberlain said that inter-Ally debts were not discussed. He did not pretend that the conversations had decided any great issues. They had not sought to make any new treaties, nor to come to any fresh decision. But they had eliminated some small matters which would have been points of friction if they had not reached agreement to recognise the largeness of their common interests throughout the world and resolve each to do the best to prevent the small differences which must arise occasionally from impeding their co-operation in their greater common interests.

Referring to Mr. Trevelyan's speech, Mr. Chamberlain said he had come to the House of Commons to hear a really anti-British declaration. He had received from foreign statesmen many congratulations upon the British attitude in the Egyptian crisis.

Mr. Chamberlain said in the

Sudan Britain must have authority to fulfil her obligations, but in Egypt all Britain desired was that the Egyptian Government should do its duty. If they were willing to do that, then they would find no better, firmer or more loyal friends than the British Government and people. (Ministerial cheers.) The Government did not desire to interfere with the independence of Egypt, but it required the Egyptian Government to work with not against us, and to accept loyally and frankly as a basis of independence the conditions attached to its grant.

Mr. Chamberlain continued that if we had to deal with a friendly Egyptian Government loyal to the conditions on which our co-operation is based, we would invite them to join an enquiry into what water would be available in the Sudan after making full allowance for Egypt and would propose a neutral chairman for the commission, which Egypt and the Sudan would be represented.

Mr. Chamberlain said he did not think the Egyptian question in its present stage could come before the League. He pointed out the ill-effects that would ensue in the Sudan from the suggested application of the League mandate of administration.

Mr. Chamberlain mentioned the authenticity of the Zinovieff letter had been confirmed by four entirely independent trustworthy sources. He did not think it was opportune to resume negotiations with the Soviet at present.

Mr. Chamberlain, fresh from the meeting of the League Council, voiced strong confidence in the future of the League.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Leader of the Opposition, pressed the Government to afford members of Parliament a discussion of the protocol before consulting the Dominions. He urged the Chancellor to impress on our allies at the forthcoming finance conference that it was necessary we should ease the taxpayers' burden resulting from their non-payment of debts.

Mr. Ponsonby, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the Labour Government, moved a Labour amendment regretting the Government policy as regards Egypt and Russia.

Mr. Ponsonby's amendment was rejected by 363 votes to 132.

### IN MEMORIAM.

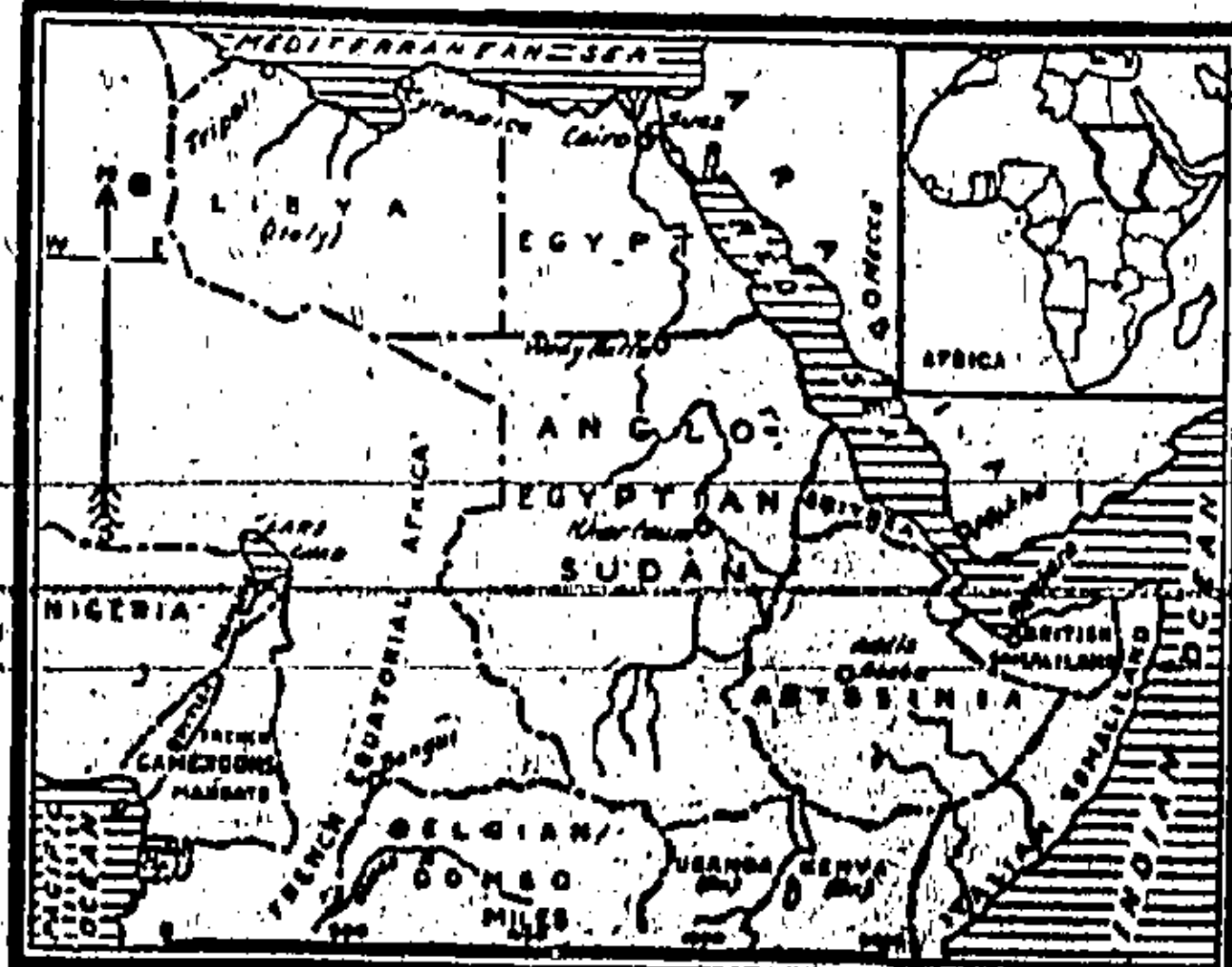
SERVICES FOR WOODROW WILSON.

A MODERN CROMWELL.

(Reuter's Service.)

WASHINGTON, December 15. Joint congressional memorial services for the late Dr. Woodrow Wilson were held in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, at which Dr. Edwin Alderman, President of the University of Virginia, eloquently defended Dr. Wilson's statesmanship. He said his ambition to serve the country was as keen as Cromwell's. Mrs. Wilson, attired in black, was present.

### PROBLEM BRITAIN MUST SOLVE.



### FIE!

"Tam" Sets A Bad Example.

BITES A COOLIE.

COLONIAL VETERINARY.

Surgeon Disgraced.

Of an ordinary dog with an ordinary owner and an ordinary pedigree (if one at all) who showed a likeness for human calves it might be written "naughty doggie" and the case left at that. But for the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon's dog so far to forget himself yesterday evening as to bury his teeth in the calf of a man, even though but that of a coolie—well, we have every reason for being scandalised at his conduct. Is he not an Aberdeen terrier and is not his pedigree unimpeachable? Really, "Tam," we expected better things of one who ought to be a pattern of good manners to all the doggies in the neighbourhood.

But cold black and white print cannot be gainsaid when it is in the pages of such a book as that in which is noted at the police station the happenings of the day.

"One coolie bitten yesterday



Typical South China Pirate. This photograph was taken just before execution. Note the chains.

### PIRATES RAIDED.

NOTORIOUS CHIEF CAPTURED.

LAST PENALTY PAID.

Hongkong Steamer Attacks Recalled.

Slowly but surely the law is taking toll of the pirates who recently preyed upon Hongkong steamers.

Found guilty of having taken part in the piracy of the s.s. "Hydrangea," "Sun Ning" and the "Wah Sun," a number of outlaws in that part of Chinese territory under the rule of General Chan Kwing-ming, have paid the extreme penalty.

In a letter to the Hongkong Police authorities, Commander Wong Fook-chi writes to say that he successfully raided a pirate stronghold. Among the captures was a notorious pirate chief who was proved to have taken an important part in the attacks on the three local ships mentioned.

Keen At His Job.

This is not the first occasion in which Commander Wong has

actively interested himself in the campaign against marauders. Hitherto he has stamped out several bandit dens, and he was also instrumental in sending back to Hongkong, a number of revolvers, etc. stolen from pirated ships. The raid across the border which resulted in the liberation of the Pui Ching (Canton) student who was kidnapped from the Castle Peak Road, was largely due to the co-operation of Commander Wong.

Commander Wong was principal detective in Canton when Chan Kwing-ming was at the head of affairs. After being dismissed, he came down to Hongkong and was fortunate enough to escape on the two occasions on which he was fired at near the Yau-mat Theatre.

### MOROCCO.

SPAIN CAUSES ANXIETY TO FRANCE.

PROBLEM OF FUTURE.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, December 16. It is officially stated that the report that France has sent Spain a Note in regard to Morocco is incorrect. But the French Charge d'Affaires at Madrid has been instructed to ascertain the Directory's views with regard to the new situation created by the Spanish evacuation, and inquire Spain's intentions for the future.

It is confirmed that the London and Paris cabinets are keeping in close touch with regard to events in Morocco.

### WAR MATERIAL.

EXPORTS TO RUSSIA TO STOP.

STATEMENT IN COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 15. Mr. Cunliffe-Lister, in the House of Commons, said licences had been issued in the past year for the export of war material including 600 Vickers machine-guns—to the Soviet Government. The bulk had been shipped in the Spring and Summer. Government henceforward did not intend to issue licences for export of war material to this destination.

### COMING TO HONGKONG.



London, Dec. 15. On the occasion of the admission of Prince George to the freedom of the Mercers' Company of London to-day, the Master of the Company announced that the Prince would be sailing at the end of January to China and the East. (Prince George is the youngest son of King George and Queen Mary. He came of age last year. The King, in honour of the event invested him with the insignia of a Knight Companion of the Order of the Garter.)

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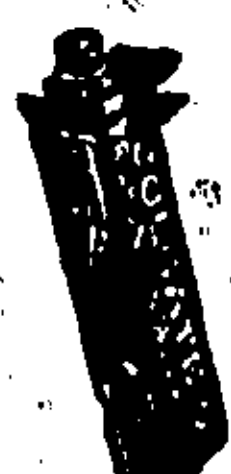
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## BIRTHS.

MARTIN.—On December 11, at  
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.  
A. J. Martin, of H.B.M.  
Consulate-General, a son,  
John Pearce.

JOHNSTONE.—On December 9,  
at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.  
K. W. Johnstone, of the Salt  
Gabelle, a son, James Bruce.

## DEATH.

CATTANEO.—At San Nicandro  
Garganico, South Italy, on  
the 10th November, 1924,  
Antonio Cattaneo.

Hongkong, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1924.

## DEATH TO PIRATES.

Another batch of the pirates  
who recently preyed upon Hong-  
kong steamers have now paid the  
penalty of their misdeeds,  
according to advices received by  
the Hongkong police from the  
enterprising Commander Wong  
Fook-chi. Much as anyone may  
deplore capital punishment, it  
must be agreed, we think, that  
nothing less would meet the  
crime. Times without number  
our South China pirates have  
shown themselves to be utterly  
brutal and more than once they  
have been guilty of murder.  
Thus if only for the feeling that  
the pirates have received what

they richly deserved, will Hong-  
kong read Commander Wong  
Fook-chi's news with deep satis-  
faction. But there is another  
reason why the Colony should  
feel gratified at his enterprise.  
Precautions aboard steamers,  
such as grilles, etc., may do much  
to prevent piracy; so too may  
convoys and armed patrols. But  
the real remedy lies in swift re-  
tributive justice. When pirates  
find that although they may be  
able to seize a steamer, although  
they may be able to get away with  
the booty, although they may  
even reach their lairs—when  
pirates find that although they  
can gamble upon their luck to  
bring off a coup safely, the law's  
vengeance will not be long in  
finding them out and bringing  
them to a firing squad, then will  
piracy no longer be worth the  
candle. General Wong Fook-  
chi's raid does not represent all  
we should look to see in this re-  
spect, being rather too belated, but  
it does represent another step in  
the right direction. Moreover, it  
has added value from the fact  
that it will once more bring home  
to outlaws that they cannot  
always count themselves safe  
simply because they are beyond  
the reach of the Hongkong  
authorities. This goes to the  
very root of the whole piracy evil.  
Foremost among the findings of  
the Hongkong commission that  
inquired into the "Sui An"  
piracy, was the ruling that piracy  
could never be dealt with properly  
until the Chinese authorities  
gave their full co-operation.  
While Canton lacks a stable gov-  
ernment that full co-operation  
can never be expected, but mean-  
while it is encouraging to find  
that at least one official with  
pirates in his district, may be  
relied upon to do his duty. Our  
thanks to Commander Wong  
Fook-chi!

## Peking's Loss.

The message from Peking about  
the flight of Tuan Chi-jui was con-  
firmed last night in reliable  
Chinese quarters here, though no  
reason was given for what the  
real friends of China can consider  
little short of a catastrophe. Tuan  
assumed office as Premier and

acting President under the title of  
Chief Executive as recently as  
November 24. Since his assump-  
tion of office high hopes were  
entertained in the capitals of the  
Powers with a stake in China, that  
the flowery republic was at last  
in reasonable distance of a long  
period of peace and prosperity.  
Should the news of Tuan Chi-jui  
having been driven out prove true,  
it will be a matter for real regret.  
Not only will the country have  
lost an able administrator, but an  
attractive figure will have been  
again forced from the Chinese  
political stage. The late Dr. Paul  
Reinsch, who was American  
Ambassador to China during the  
European war, gave the following  
interesting sketch of Tuan Chi-  
jui: "His (Tuan's) personality,  
however, with its simplicity and  
pensive, and his real wisdom  
when he lets his own nature guide  
him, make him one of the attrac-  
tive figures of China. Though in  
himself the principal influence in  
the Government Tuan left all  
details to his assistants, Mr. Tao-  
Ju-lin, and General Hsu Shu-tseng  
("Little" Hsu). He preferred to  
play chess. He was, however,  
always ready to shoulder respon-  
sibility for what his subordinates  
had done. Often when he was  
deep in a game of Chinese chess,  
his mind focussed on the com-  
plexities of this difficult pastime,  
General Hsu would approach him  
with some proposal. Giving only  
half an ear to it, the Premier  
would respond, "All right" (*Hou  
hou*). When, later, the result of  
the action thus taken turned out  
to be bad and the Premier asked  
for an explanation, he was re-  
minded that he himself had  
authorized it. He would then  
faintly recollect, and would make  
a gesture toward his shoulder,  
which indicated that—very well,  
he took the responsibility. China  
can ill afford to lose such a leader,  
more especially at the present  
time when Bolshevism is knocking  
at the portal. However, as  
Reuter has sent no word of  
Tuan's flight, though other mes-  
sages have come over the wires,  
it may well be that the rumour is  
a canard.

## Japan's Shipping.

Some interesting sidelights on  
the situation of the Japanese ship-  
ping business are afforded in a  
report sent home by the Dutch  
Minister in Tokyo and reproduced  
in the Amsterdam "Telegraaf".  
The fact that Japanese shipping is  
beginning to recover in some  
degree from the slackness of last  
year, the writer says, can be  
deduced from the decrease in the  
number of laid-up ships, the  
increased activity in shipbuilding,  
and the larger purchases of ton-  
nage from abroad. A very encour-  
aging event was the suspension of  
Section 28 of the U.S. Jones Act.  
The trade with the States, how-  
ever, is yielding little or no profit  
as compared with that with the  
Asiatic Continent and the Indian  
Archipelago. The low rate of  
exchange for the Japanese yen  
acted as a stimulant to the export  
of coal, while further large pur-  
chases of rice in Siam and Indo-  
China for Japanese account were  
favourable for the shipping trade.  
On January 1, 1924, laid-up  
Japanese ships represented a total  
of 29,000, as against a total of  
99,000 tons at the beginning of  
1923. In the second half of 1923,  
34,000 tons of new shipping were  
launched, or 21,000 tons more than  
in the corresponding period of  
1922. At the present time there  
are 22 ships of more than 1,000  
tons each under construction at  
Japanese yards for Japanese  
account, and these represent a  
total of 92,800 tons. While in  
1921 and 1922 altogether 46 old  
ships were purchased abroad, in  
1923 alone such purchases num-  
bered 70, and in the first two  
months of this year 16 were  
bought. For five British ships  
bought in January, most of them  
exceeding 5,000 tons each, \$5 per  
ton was paid. Including the  
import duties and the cost of the  
compulsory survey, this price is  
not very much lower than the  
price in Japan, which averages  
120 yen. Later, for a British  
steamer of 8,000 tons and four  
years old, the sum of \$62,000 was  
paid. This higher price was  
attributed to the higher cost of  
building new ships as a result of  
the increase in wages and a certain  
improvement in the situation in  
Europe. It is thus, says the writer  
of the report, an indication which  
points to an improvement, but the  
difficulties against which Japanese  
shipping still has to struggle are  
far from being all removed.

## SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Tel.  
Langkats ..... 21 1/2 Buyers.  
Ewos ..... 17 1/2 Buyers.  
Shanghai Docks ..... 106 Buyers.  
New Engineering ..... 7 1/2 Buyers.  
Oriental ..... 4 Buyers.  
Shanghai Cottons ..... 58 Buyers.  
The above, kindly supplied by  
Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the  
opening quotations on the Shanghai  
market this morning.

## SERIOUS CHARGES. WEI-HAI-WEI POLICE IN TROUBLE. ALLEGATIONS OF BLACK- MAIL.

Serious misdemeanours, includ-  
ing the threatening of persons  
with revolvers are alleged against  
eight members of the Shantung  
(Wei-hai-wei) contingent of the  
Hongkong Police, stationed in the  
New Territories.  
First reports were to the effect  
that an armed robbery had been  
committed by men in uniform but  
on investigation this was found to  
be exaggerated. It appears that  
the trouble was between a ser-  
geant and seven constables, all  
Wei-hai-wei men, and some of the  
villagers at Ta Ku Leng, near  
Sheungshui, where a communal  
anniversary was being celebrated  
with a theatrical show in a  
matshed.  
"Clandestine Gambling."  
In China, the usual appendages  
to a festive theatrical show include  
a number of gaming tables and it  
is believed that this was the case,  
under clandestine circumstances,  
at this New Territories village.  
It has been stated that this  
batch, of police, stationed at  
Sheungshui, raided the theatre  
matshed without a warrant.  
Other allegations are that the  
Shantung policemen were not  
accompanied by a European officer  
and that they threatened the  
people of Ta Ku Leng. From the  
gaming tables they are alleged to  
have appropriated some money.  
At any rate, the culprits are said  
to have been in uniform.  
On a report being made to the  
proper authorities, the eight men  
were taken into custody and  
yesterday afternoon, were escort-  
ed to Hongkong.

## WHO'S WHO.

### LATEST SHIPPING CHANGES.

Captain J. Beck, of the  
"Hunan," is on reserve.  
Captain W. J. Andrews, from  
leave, has gone master, "Hunan."  
Mr. J. N. Beach, second officer,  
"Chusan," has gone sup'y second  
officer, "Szechuen."  
Mr. S. Lettington has been ap-  
pointed second officer, "Chusan."  
Mr. J. G. Smart, chief officer,  
"Sinkiang," has gone chief  
officer, "Kaying."  
Mr. S. Johnson, chief officer,  
"Kaying," has gone chief officer,  
"Sinkiang."  
Captain A. Tucker, of the  
"Kiangsu," has gone master,  
"Kiangyuan."  
Mr. K. Middleton, third officer,  
"Taikoo Wan," has gone second  
officer, "Kinyuan."  
Mr. D. Dalgleish, chief en-  
gineer, "Sinkiang," is on reserve.  
Mr. A. Clyne, third engineer,  
"Wuhu," has gone third engineer,  
"Hunan."  
Captain T. S. King, from re-  
serve, has gone master, "Esang."  
Captain R. Hughes, of the  
"Esang," is on reserve.  
Mr. W. Atkinson, from reserve,  
has gone chief officer, "Loksang."  
Mr. C. Fletcher, acting chief  
officer, "Loksang," has gone  
second officer, same ship.  
Mr. E. L. Alton, second officer,  
"Loksang," has gone second  
officer, "Wosang."  
Captain W. J. Booker, of the  
"Taksang," has gone master,  
"Yatshing."  
Captain N. W. Chandler, of the  
"Yatshing," has gone master,  
"Kumsang."  
Mr. W. C. Excell, fourth officer,  
"Kumsang," has gone third  
officer, "Yatshing."  
Mr. S. Schofield, third officer,  
"Yatshing," has gone second  
officer, same ship.  
Mr. C. M. Boas, second officer,  
"Yatshing," is on leave.  
Mr. J. Stalker, from leave, has  
gone chief engineer, "Wosang."  
Mr. A. Thomson, chief officer,  
"Wosang," is on reserve.  
Mr. F. Kerslake, third en-  
gineer, "Taksang," is on leave.  
Mr. H. R. Squires, from re-  
serve, has gone third engineer,  
"Taksang."  
Mr. E. Wright, from reserve,  
has gone second officer, "Apoei."  
Mr. R. Kettlewell, second  
officer, "Apoei," has gone chief  
officer, same ship.  
Mr. D. Needham, chief officer,  
"Apoei," is on reserve.  
Mr. P. Munday, from reserve,  
has gone chief officer,  
"Arabestan."  
Mr. K. L. Fitzgerald, chief  
officer, "Arabestan," has gone  
chief officer, "Gorgistan."  
Mr. W. H. Finch, acting chief  
officer, "Gorgistan," has gone  
second officer, "Arabestan."  
Mr. H. C. Everatt, second  
officer, "Arabestan," has gone  
acting chief officer, "Haitan."  
Mr. R. H. Friedlander, second  
officer, "Gorgistan," is on  
reserve.  
Captain F. V. Benz, from re-  
serve, has gone master, "Haitan."  
Captain J. M. Anderson, of the  
"Haitan," is on reserve.  
Mr. E. W. Lowton, chief officer,  
"Haitan," is on reserve.

## AIR MONSTER.

### U.S. CONGRESS TOLD OF NEW PLANS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, December 15.  
This Navy air experts have  
advised Congress of the plans for  
a 6,000,000 cubic foot airship,  
compared with the newly-ordered  
British 5,000,000 ships.  
The new ship will carry 22 tons,  
785 feet long and 120 feet in  
diameter, and will be of 3,800  
horse-power, 154 tons gross lifting  
capacity and will have a cruising  
radius of 7,150 nautical miles,  
which is the highest. It is  
estimated to cost \$6,000,000.

## ANGLO-IRISH TREATY.

### LEAGUE SECRETARY ISSUES LETTER.

(Reuter's Service)

GENEVA, December 15.  
The League of Nations Sec-  
retary has issued the text of a let-  
ter from the British Foreign Office,  
dated November 27, in connection  
with the registration of the Anglo-  
Irish Treaty of December, 1921, at  
the Free State Government's re-  
quest.  
The letter reiterated that the  
Government has consistently held  
that neither the Covenant nor any  
Conventions concluded under the  
League's auspices are intended to  
govern inter-Empire relations, and,  
therefore, they consider that Article  
XVIII of the Covenant does not  
apply to the document under notice.

## MILITARY TRANSPORT.

### CHINESE USE MOTOR BUSES.

Motor military transport is now  
being employed at Samchun, just  
across the New Territories border,  
says a report in the vernacular  
papers.  
It is stated that four cars have  
been fitted out for the run between  
Samchun and Sheklung, the latter  
being the largest midway town on  
the Kowloon-Canton Railway.  
Metal wheels have been put on  
and an upper structure added to  
make the cars resemble buses.  
The cars, believed to have been  
purchased in Hongkong, are used  
for carrying troops. It is ex-  
pected that the number will  
shortly be increased.

## "THE THIEF OF BAGDAD."

### RETURN SEASON OF TWO NIGHTS.

For the brief period of two  
nights only—Thursday and Fri-  
day next—the Coronet is to show  
Douglas Fairbanks' "The Thief  
of Bagdad." Circumstances do  
not permit of a longer run, and  
as many who saw it on its first  
showing, will want to see it  
again, it behoves those who have  
not given themselves the plea-  
sure of seeing the picture of  
the age to take steps to book  
their seats at once. In this picture  
Douglas Fairbanks is shown in an  
altogether different vein from the  
usually associated with his name,  
whilst the story is full of fantasy,  
humour, pathos and joy. In addition  
the settings are amongst the  
most magnificent ever projected,  
whilst the music is appropriate to  
the occasion.

## OBITUARY.

### MR. E. T. ARNOLD.

The death occurred yesterday  
at the Matilda Hospital of Mr. E.  
Thornley Arnold, who had been  
suffering from dropsy.  
Mr. Arnold who has been in  
hospital for a lengthy period had  
been the Chief Engineer of a river  
steamer for the past two years.  
Prior to this he was for more than  
30 years engaged in Siam and the  
Straits Settlements in various  
branches of his profession, and it  
was in Bangkok and Penang that  
he was a well known and popular  
member of the European  
community.  
Mr. Arnold was a native of  
Glasgow from which town the  
widow also hails. There are two  
daughters and a son, the latter  
being in business in Sumatra,  
while the former and Mrs. Arnold,  
are in Hongkong. To these much  
sympathy will be extended in  
their bereavement.

Mr. C. S. Robb, from reserve,  
has gone chief officer, "Paul  
Beau."  
Mr. H. Cornwall, chief officer,  
"Paul Beau," has gone acting  
master, same ship. "Shipping  
and Engineering."



**ISLAND CLAIMED FOR U.S.**—It is learned that an American vessel called at Herald Island in September and laid claim to it in the name of the United States. A party of Americans who landed on the island ten years ago was found to have perished from exposure.



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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Under a new act, wives in the  
Philippines are now on the same  
footings as their husbands in  
alienation of affection cases.

The first section of a  
national scheme of irrigation of  
the rice plains in Siam was  
opened on November 30 by the  
King. It is to cost £1,300,000  
and will render fertile a quarter  
of a million acres.

At the inquest at Cambridge  
on Mr. Lionel de Soysa, who was  
drowned in the river on November  
17, witnesses gave evidence  
that he had hauled two men on  
the river bank, saying he was  
going to swim across in order to  
tell his people that he had done  
it. There were sixteen degrees  
of frost at the time, and both  
urged him not to do so, but  
walked on. The coroner cen-  
sured both for leaving him in the  
water. A verdict of accidental  
death was returned.

The "Straits Echo" says:—  
The Chamber of Commerce has  
more than once referred to the  
dredging of the South Channel  
and that the matter has at last  
been taken in hand is indicated  
by the fact that Commander C. A.  
Pearl, Harbour Master, Penang,  
left for Klang by the "Seagull" to  
escort the dredge "Kuantan" to  
Penang. The "Kuantan" is the  
property of the F.M.S. Govern-  
ment and it is understood that  
the dredge has been lent to the  
Straits Government.

At a meeting of the Rubber  
Restriction Board in Ceylon on  
November 27, the question of  
bringing fluid rubber latex under  
the Rubber Restriction Ordinance  
was discussed. Exports of  
rubber latex from Ceylon for the  
twelve months from November 1,  
1923, to October 31, 1924, were  
132 gallons only. During  
November, 1924, up to the 25th  
the exports were 9,115 gallons.  
Hence it was considered neces-  
sary to recommend to Govern-  
ment the inclusion of fluid rubber  
latex in the Ordinance, which  
under the definition of "Rubber,"  
contains a clause providing for  
such inclusion when His Excel-  
lency in Executive Council deems  
necessary. It is proposed that  
the alteration shall come into  
effect from January 1, 1925.

A severe storm broke over  
Tientsin and Peking two weeks  
ago, blowing down houndings and  
fragile property and spreading a  
carpet of dust over all. The four  
main lines of telephones between  
Tientsin and the capital suffered  
damage which took a day or two  
to repair.

A map of Sarawak, com-  
piled by Dr. Charles Hose, from  
his own compass traverses com-  
bined with all other available  
cartographic material, has been  
compiled and printed at his own  
expense. It is stated to be the  
best general map of Sarawak  
that has hitherto appeared.

What was described as the  
oldest scarab in the world was  
exhibited in Peking recently by  
the Geological Survey of China.  
It is said to be at least fifteen  
million years old, and was found  
in an excellent state of preserva-  
tion in the hinterland of the  
Shantung coast by Mr. H. C.  
Tan, geologist of the Survey.  
The scarab, which has been  
named *Proteroscaphus Yeni*  
(in honour of Dr. W. W. Yen,  
formerly Minister of Agriculture  
and Commerce) formed one fossil  
in a collection from Shantung  
which, in the words of a member  
of the Survey, definitely put the  
Cretaceous age on the geological  
map of China. Mr. Tan was  
given the task of mapping the  
geological formation of Eastern  
Shantung. In the course of his  
work he examined the rocks in  
the region for evidence of the  
land and fresh water life which  
existed aeons of years ago. He  
used his geological hammer in  
vain for many months, and then  
suddenly exposed a complete  
specimen of a fish. The experts  
of the Survey say that it over-  
shadows a similar find whose age  
has not yet been determined, but  
which was given the name  
*Lycoperla sinensis* by Smith-  
Woodward when it was presented  
to the British Museum. After  
this find Mr. Tan laid bare hun-  
dreds of specimens of plant and  
fish life, all embedded in rocks  
near the scene of his first dis-  
covery. Finally his hammer ex-  
posed the remains of the fifteen-  
million-year-old scarab, which  
was found spread on a stone slab  
under a layer of clay, almost with  
the perfection of life except for  
its flattened appearance.

Another pretty Japanese  
calendar—reaches this office from  
the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, also a very  
ornamental table of sailings for  
next year.

A clerk in the employ of  
Messrs. Butterfield & Swire has  
reported to the police the loss of a  
gold watch, valued at \$12, from a  
drawer in his desk.

According to a report made  
to the police, the accountant of  
the Motor Drivers' Guild has  
absconded with a sum of \$50  
belonging to the Guild.

Reported yesterday, the  
typhoon to the east of the Philip-  
pines is now stated to be station-  
ary or moving very slowly. Its  
position this morning was Lat.  
11 N., Long. 127 E.

A through passenger by name  
of Mr. Zahman had a silken bag  
stolen from him at Queen's Road  
Central near Li Yuen Street. In  
the police report the bag is said to  
have contained pearls to the value  
of \$50.

For dredging in the man-of-  
war anchorage three fishing junk  
owners were each fined \$10 at the  
Marine Court this morning. Two  
other owners of small native  
craft were each mulcted in sums  
of \$5 for lying inshore during  
prohibited hours at night.

A heap of straw stored in  
the Dairy Farm depot at Tele-  
graph Bay was set ablaze yester-  
day afternoon. A lighted  
cigarette thrown carelessly away  
is believed to have been the cause  
of the fire. No damage was,  
however, done to the building,  
which is made of concrete.

Advice has been received that  
train 101, on the Peking-Mukden  
line, leaving Peking at 8.10 p.m.  
for Mukden, also the corresponding  
train in the reverse direction, will  
re-commence immediately. The  
Railway authorities, however, can  
give no definite information as to  
the time taken on the journey, and  
it is anticipated that for the present  
a delay of several hours will be  
experienced on the section of the  
journey between Peking and Tien-  
tsin.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lieut. Comdr. L. G. Addington,  
D.S.C., has been appointed to  
H.M.S. "Despatch."

Professor W. J. N. Smith is to  
lecture on Browning at St. John's  
Cathedral Hall to-day at 6 p.m.,  
under the auspices of the C.E.M.S.

Passengers arriving by the  
"Hector" included: Mr. A. D.  
Keigwin, Mr. H. M. Sleigh, Capt.  
W. G. Lalor, Mr. G. G. P. Harper,  
Mr. J. Kinnaird, Mr. N. Currie,  
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Miss J.  
Holyoak, Mr. W. J. Hawken and  
Mr. H. W. Ray.

Dr. R. M. Ross and Dr.  
Margaret Taylor were united in  
marriage on Thursday evening, at  
the home of the bride at Lafayette  
Compound, Western Suburbs,  
Canton. The ceremony was per-  
formed by the bride's uncle, Dr.  
Charles Taylor of New York. Dr.  
Ross is physician at the Kerr  
Hospital for the Insane and Dr.  
Taylor is a teacher at the Hackett  
Medical College.

May Yohe, actress, who appear-  
ed in Hongkong years ago and  
gained fame through the world by  
her possession of the Hope  
Diamond, is in the limelight again.  
She is married to Mr. John A.  
Smuts, cousin of General Jan  
Smuts, South Africa. Her hus-  
band shot himself recently be-  
cause he said he had been un-  
kind to his wife. He probably  
will recover. May Yohe was  
wearer of the Hope Diamond when  
she was the wife of Lord Francis  
Hope.

Reuter announces the death of  
Mr. William Cooté, M. P. for  
South Tyrone, who died after  
collapsing at a meeting at Belfast.  
The late Mr. Cooté has been M. P.  
for South Tyrone since 1916. He  
was born in 1863 and married in  
1889 and leaves four sons and one  
daughter. He was apprenticed to  
the provision trade and at 20 years  
started and successfully carried on  
a business in his native district.  
Later he commenced business as  
auctioneer and stock owner, and  
rented a large mill premises for  
35 years, where he started and  
developed the manufacture of  
woollen yarns, subsequently form-  
ing this into a private limited  
company, of which he was the  
managing director. He was a  
J. P. for Co., Tyrone, and a County  
Councillor.

The marriage took place on  
November 15 at St. Mark's  
Church, Woodcote, Purley, of the  
Bishop of Hongkong (the Right  
Rev. C. R. Duppuy), son of the  
late Mr. C. Duppuy and of Mrs.  
Duppuy, Harrogate, to Miss  
Baker-Minton, daughter of Mr.  
H. Baker-Minton, of Broomhill,  
Woodcote, Purley. The bride was  
given away by her father, and was  
attended by the Misses Dorothy  
and Mary Burrough (nieces of  
the bride) and Miss Heather Aline  
Chadwick (niece of the bridegroom).  
The Bishop of Peterborough, who  
gave the address, Canon Holland,  
the Rev. E. A. Shattuck, vicar of  
the parish, officiated, and the Rev.  
P. W. Guinness, D.S.O., was best  
man. The church was beautifully  
decorated with white chrys-  
anthemums, palms, and ferns. A  
large congregation was present, and  
a reception was held in St. Mark's  
Hall after the ceremony.

Mr. Hector William Sassoon, of  
Tantallon, The Peak, Victoria,  
Hongkong, and of Baker Street,  
London, W., a director of Messrs.  
E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd., mer-  
chants of St. Helens Place, E.C.,  
who died in London on November  
24, 1923, left property in Hongkong  
valued at \$5,133,800, and in Eng-  
land at \$26,667. At the current rate  
of exchange this is equivalent to \$989,  
127, of which \$282,860 is abroad.  
The testator left—Five lakhs of  
rupees (at current value about  
\$350,800) upon trust for investment  
and to distribute the income in  
such countries, at such times, and  
upon such conditions as his trustees  
in their absolute discretion shall  
consider advisable in assisting  
persons (male or female) found  
guilty for the first time of an  
offence or offences against the  
law of the land where they were  
convicted, and in assisting un-  
married mothers and illegitimate  
children, and generally in assisting  
and providing for the welfare of  
the children. His shares in E. D.  
Sassoon & Co. (Limited), in the  
Hongkong Trust Corporation  
(Limited), and in the Bombay  
Trust Corporation (Limited), sub-  
ject to certain charges, he left to  
his brother, Ellice Victor Sassoon.  
To his wife he left his household  
and personal effects, consumable  
stores, and 20 lakhs of rupees  
absolutely, and the income for life  
from 65 lakhs of rupees, with re-  
mainder to his residuary estate.

The "Westminster Gazette"  
understands from Paris that  
M. Herriot has telegraphed  
ordering M. Jusserand to abstain  
from further Franco-American  
debt negotiations, pending the  
arrival of his successor.

The Hon. Alexander Gordon  
Stephen (61), chief manager,  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking  
Corporation, Hongkong, and a  
member of the Executive Council  
of Hongkong, left personal estate  
in Great Britain valued at £72,456.

The Berlin newspaper, "Monat  
Morgen," declares that it is  
privately reported from Moscow,  
whence news is strictly censored,  
that serious disorders and blood-  
shed occurred following the  
departure for the Crimea of M.  
Trotsky, who allegedly now  
opposes the Soviet.

Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, C.M.G.,  
F.R.S., died on November 17. He  
was a distinguished engineer who  
was known especially for his  
work on the bridges and main  
drainage of London and on the  
great Assuan dam in Egypt. Born  
in Co. Kerry, in 1861, he went to  
Trinity College, Dublin, where he  
took the degrees of M.A. and M.  
Eng. Having served articles under  
the late Sir Benjamin Baker, he after-  
wards did much work under Sir  
W. Willcocks in Egypt. Last  
year he visited Hongkong in re-  
gard to the Harbour Improvement  
Scheme, and made an elaborate  
Report which dealt specially with  
the development of Hung Hom Bay,  
a scheme that proposes the ex-  
penditure of over \$12,000,000. Sir  
Maurice had also visited Australia,  
and when the war broke out he had  
been for some years chairman  
of the Admiralty Advisory Com-  
mittee on Naval Works, and he held  
that post till 1919. He was also  
a member of the War Office Com-  
mittee on Hutted Camps, 1915-18.  
In 1915, and again in 1918, he vis-  
ited the British front in Flanders  
to advise on questions of drainage.  
Many honours and distinctions  
were conferred on Sir Maurice,  
who was the author of several  
technical works on harbours, bridg-  
ing and drainage. His death at a  
comparatively early age is a dis-  
tinct loss to the profession.

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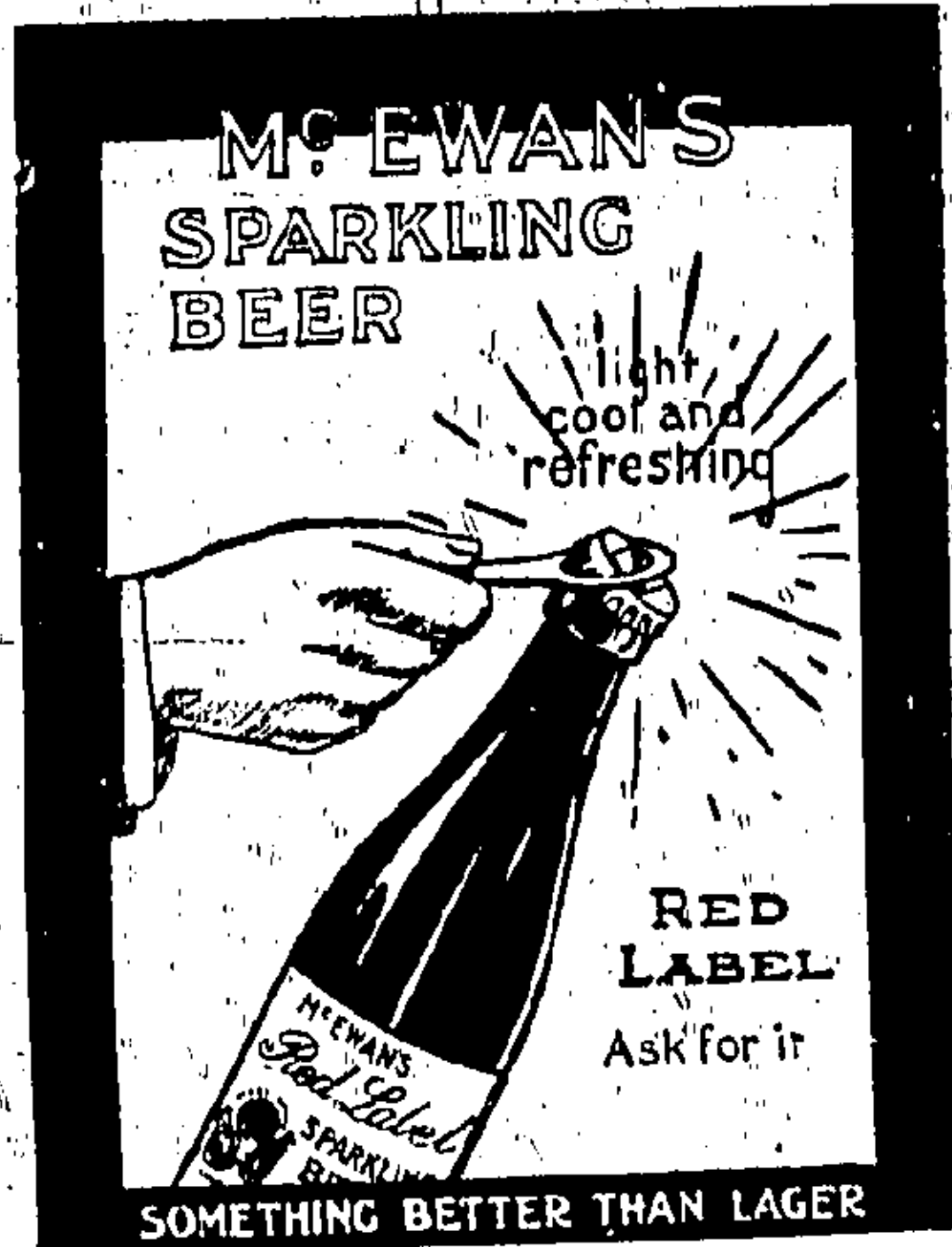
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## Return To Movies.



LOUISE GLAUM.

Louise Glaum, who, a few years ago was a screen vampire, has returned to screen work in Hollywood, following two years' battle to regain her health, which she finally did when she took up athletics.

## FINE CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW.



ELEANOR O'MALLEY.

Miss Eleanor O'Malley, is shown here with two specimens of white chrysanthemums, exhibited at an annual chrysanthemum show. They are said to be the largest ever grown.

## Visiting London.



MARQUIS MEDICI.

The Marquis Medici, member of one of the oldest and most aristocratic families in Italy, a silk manufacturer of Naples, is visiting London.

## SEEKING TO BREAK NAVAL OIL RESERVE LEASES.



These: JOE COTTER, FREDERICK KELLOGG, E. M. DOHENY, & ERANIC HOGAN (Seated) JUDGE P. J. McCOMB, JOSEPH BURKE, ALVIN POMERENE, MC CARROLL & OWEN ROBERTS

Lack of legal authority to grant leases of naval oil reserves in California, as well as alleged fraud, are the grounds on which the American Government is seeking before Judge McCormick, to break the leases granted by the former Secretary of the Interior, Albert Fall, to Edward L. Doheny, millionaire oil operator. The Doheny legal staff consists of Joe Cotter, Frederick Kellogg and Frank Hogan while the Government is represented by Joseph Burke, ex-Senator Alvin Pomerene, Assistant District Attorney Camarillo and Owen J. Roberts.

## Leaves Silver Screen.



MRS MARY YOUNG

Mary Mc-Laren, one of the first of the motion picture stars, had played her last picture. A month ago she married Lieut.-Col. George Young, on native service with the British Army in India, and will sail shortly for the Punjab, where her husband's battalion is quartered.

## KEPT THE POLICE AT BAY.



MRS. MARY B. CONNOR.

Mrs. Mary B. Connor held at bay for several hours two wagon loads of policemen and a lot of deputies who sought to evict her from her home. Finally two policemen broke into her home from the rear and disarmed her. She was photographed while leaning out of a window, revolver in hand, threatening to fire.

## Jackie Coogan.



JACKIE COOGAN.

Upon his return from a tour of Europe, Jackie Coogan, child film star, told reporters in New York that he was mechanically inclined, and that when he grew up he intended to be a mechanic.

## SPANISH DICTATOR IN MOROCCO.



GEN. PRIMO DE RIVERA & SON OF RAISUNI.

General Primo de Rivera, Dictator of Spain, is shown here with the young son of Raisuni the Jalai, during a recent inspection of the Spanish lines in Morocco and a visit to the Cheriff in Arcila. The general is using ruthless methods to put down the Spanish revolt, which is aimed at overthrowing the Directory, banishing King Alfonso and establishing a republic.

## BRINGING UP FATHER.

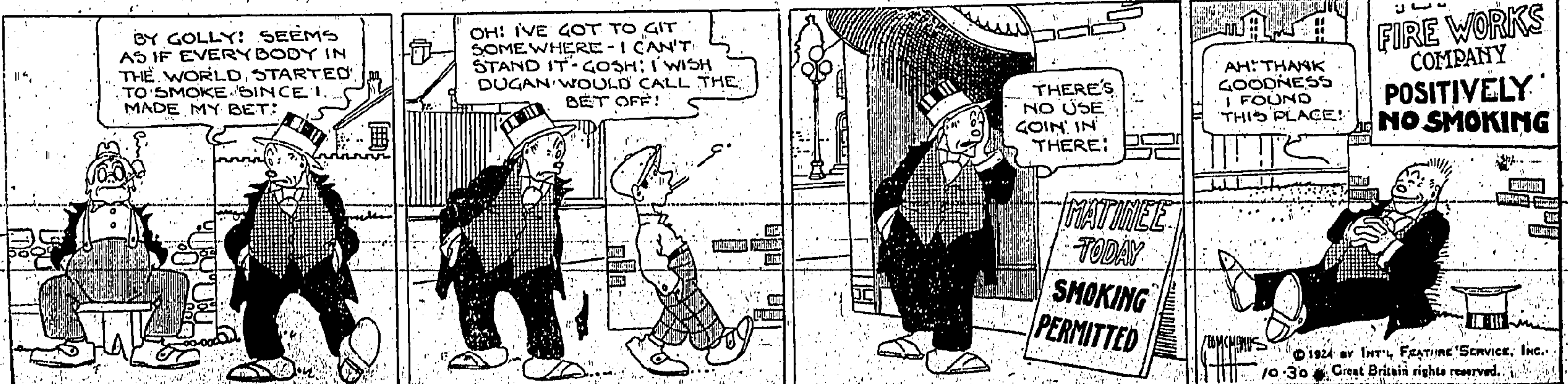
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3005, from Amoy  
Seng Khan, Lee House Street, from Shanghai.  
Jarozynsky, Victoria from Nice.  
E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.  
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**WORLD OF SPORT.****HOME FOOTBALL.****LEAGUE POSITIONS FIRST DIVISION.**

Below will be found the position in the first division of the League up to and including matches played on December 15.

| Team          | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Sunderland    | 19 | 10 | 4  | 5  | 31 | 23 | 24   |
| West Bromwich | 19 | 10 | 4  | 5  | 27 | 15 | 24   |
| Nottingham    | 18 | 9  | 4  | 5  | 18 | 10 | 24   |
| Birmingham    | 18 | 8  | 5  | 5  | 20 | 20 | 23   |
| Sheff. Wed.   | 18 | 8  | 4  | 6  | 28 | 14 | 23   |
| Sheff. U.     | 18 | 8  | 4  | 6  | 23 | 12 | 22   |
| Liverpool     | 18 | 8  | 3  | 7  | 23 | 21 | 21   |
| Arsenal       | 18 | 8  | 4  | 6  | 21 | 20 | 21   |
| Manchester U. | 18 | 7  | 8  | 3  | 27 | 37 | 20   |
| Tottenham     | 18 | 6  | 8  | 4  | 21 | 20 | 20   |
| Bury          | 18 | 8  | 6  | 4  | 24 | 28 | 20   |
| Newcastle U.  | 18 | 10 | 6  | 2  | 30 | 22 | 20   |
| Aston Villa   | 18 | 10 | 4  | 4  | 31 | 26 | 20   |
| Blackburn R.  | 18 | 7  | 7  | 4  | 28 | 19 | 19   |
| Cardiff City  | 18 | 8  | 6  | 4  | 27 | 21 | 19   |
| Leeds U.      | 18 | 7  | 7  | 4  | 23 | 11 | 19   |
| West Ham U.   | 18 | 8  | 6  | 4  | 19 | 28 | 19   |
| Burnley       | 18 | 4  | 8  | 6  | 19 | 21 | 16   |
| Sheff. U.     | 18 | 4  | 8  | 6  | 21 | 32 | 14   |
| Everton       | 18 | 4  | 8  | 6  | 17 | 24 | 14   |
| Nottingham F. | 18 | 4  | 5  | 9  | 18 | 33 | 13   |
| Reading N.E.  | 18 | 3  | 4  | 11 | 15 | 49 | 8    |

**LATEST MATCHES.**

(Reuter's Service.)

**LONDON, December 15.**  
In the League, division I, Liverpool beat Cardiff City by 3-1.  
In the final of the London Challenge Cup, West Ham beat Orient by 2 goals to 1. The match was played at Tottenham.

**ASSOCIATION CUP.****DRAW FOR FIRST ROUND.**

(Reuter's Service.)

**LONDON, December 15.**  
The draw for the first round in the competition proper for the Association Cup, to be played on January 10 next is as follows:—

Leicester v. Stoke  
Hull v. Wolverhampton  
Aston Villa v. Port Vale  
Swansea v. Plymouth  
Sheff. v. Manchester U.

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| Wednesday v. Bradford City | Derby v. Swindon | West Ham v. Preston | W. Bromwich v. Luton | Birmingham v. Chelsea | Notts Forest v. Orient | Doncaster v. Norwich | Sheff. U. v. Corinthians | Leeds v. Portsmouth | Accrington v. Notts County | Coventry v. South Shields | Millwall v. Barnsley | Bury v. Sunderland | Watford v. Brighton | Bolton v. Huddersfield | Blackburn v. Oldham | Cardiff v. Darlington | Southampton v. Exeter | Newcastle v. Hartlepool | Tottenham v. Hotspsurs | Everton v. Northampton | Blackpool v. Burnley | Bristol R. v. Gillingham | Weymouth v. Barrow | Queens P. v. Stockport | Rangers v. Charlton |
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**SQUASH RACQUETS.****CAMBRIDGE TOO STRONG FOR OXFORD.**

BATH CLUB FINALS.

(Reuter's Service.)

**LONDON, December 15.**  
In the squash racquets' intervarsity match at Queen's Club, Cambridge University defeated Oxford by 6 matches to 2.

**Finals At Bath.**

At the Bath Club, in the final for the squash racquets' amateur championship, Mr. W. Macpherson (Queen's Club) defeated Capt. J. Tomkinson (Bath Club) by 17-14, 8-15, 15-7.

Captain Jameson, the holder of the championship, was unable to defend his title as he is touring with Mr. Joel's cricket team in South Africa.

**BOXING.****DEFEAT OF FEATHER-WEIGHT CHAMPION.**

**LONDON, November 8.**—Johnny Curley, the Lambeth feather-weight, brought off a surprise victory over George McKenzie, of Leith, holder of the Lonsdale belt, who was beaten by a good margin of points in a fifteen-rounds contest at 9st. 2lb, at Hoxton Baths.

In the second half of the bout Curley took complete command of the fight. He had so reduced McKenzie's speed that he was often able to jab home his left hand to the face just as the Scot was starting similar punches.

The blows which hurt the champion most were undoubtedly the crisp, short right-hand ones, which had him so unsteady in some of the rounds that McKenzie appeared almost certain to go down. McKenzie, however, is made of very tough material, and though extremely tired he managed to last out.

**HEAVY-WEIGHT FIASCO.**  
When Tom Gibbons, the American heavy-weight, was preparing for his contest with Jack Bloomfield he had as one of his principal sparring partners Tom Heeney, of New Zealand.

That was last August, and I remember that Gibbons told me that Heeney—who had then just arrived in England—was one of the most promising heavy-weights he had met.

He must have been very much better than he was at the Ring, London, for after six rounds of very indifferent fighting his bout of 15 rounds with Franz Hendricks, an extremely moderate performer from Belgium, was stopped by Mr. Moss de York, the referee, with the declaration, "no contest."

**WIN FOR HARRY MASON.**  
Harry Mason, the light-weight champion, did not greatly enhance his reputation by his victory on points over Danny Morgan, the Welsh boxer, at Premierland, in a 15-round contest.

**GOLF.****FOUR SOME PLAYED IN FLORIDA.**

(Reuter's American Service.)

**St. Augustine, Fla., December 15.**—In a thirty-six holes match Duncan and Mitchell defeated Hagen and Simzen by four up and three to play.

**CRICKET.****M.C.C. ELEVEN FOR TEST MATCH.**

(Reuter's Service.)

**LONDON, December 15.**  
The following team has been chosen to represent England in the first test match to commence on December 19: Mr. A. E. R. Gilligan (Capt.), Mr. A. P. F. Chapman, J. B. Hobbs, J. W. Hearne, F. E. Woolley, H. Strudwick, A. S. Sandham, E. Hendren, H. Sutcliffe, M. W. Tate, A. P. Freeman.

Note: Reuter mentions Hearne twice, presumably the name of Hendren is meant on the second occasion.

**HOCKEY.****CLUB 2ND V. CLUB "A."**

At Happy Valley at 5 p.m. tomorrow, the following will represent the H.K.H.C. team "A" vs. the 2nd XI.

Club "A" (Playing in whites)  
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Note: There will be no "A" Team match on Wednesday next, December 24.

**THE SIAM TURF.****TOTE ALLOWED AGAIN IN BANGKOK.**

In reply to petitions submitted to the King of Siam by the Royal Turf Club and the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, asking for sanction to continue the running of the totalisators at the race meetings, the King has been pleased to permit the clubs to work the winning and place totalisators at their race meetings in the same manner as totalisators are run in other countries, but not to exceed eleven days for each Club in each racing year.

It will be remembered (says the "Siam Observer") that the Lord Prefect, being "scared" by the outcry raised by the mushroom Siamese Press last year, issued his fiat to the local clubs forbidding them to carry on the one tical sweeps. Thereupon, the Clubs gave up the sweeps, but fearing that this would prove an incentive to the afore-mentioned newspapers, and through them, to the Lord Prefect for further efforts, the Club saw fit to make a special petition to His Majesty the King, who is Patron of both Clubs in regard to the totalisators with the result as above mentioned.

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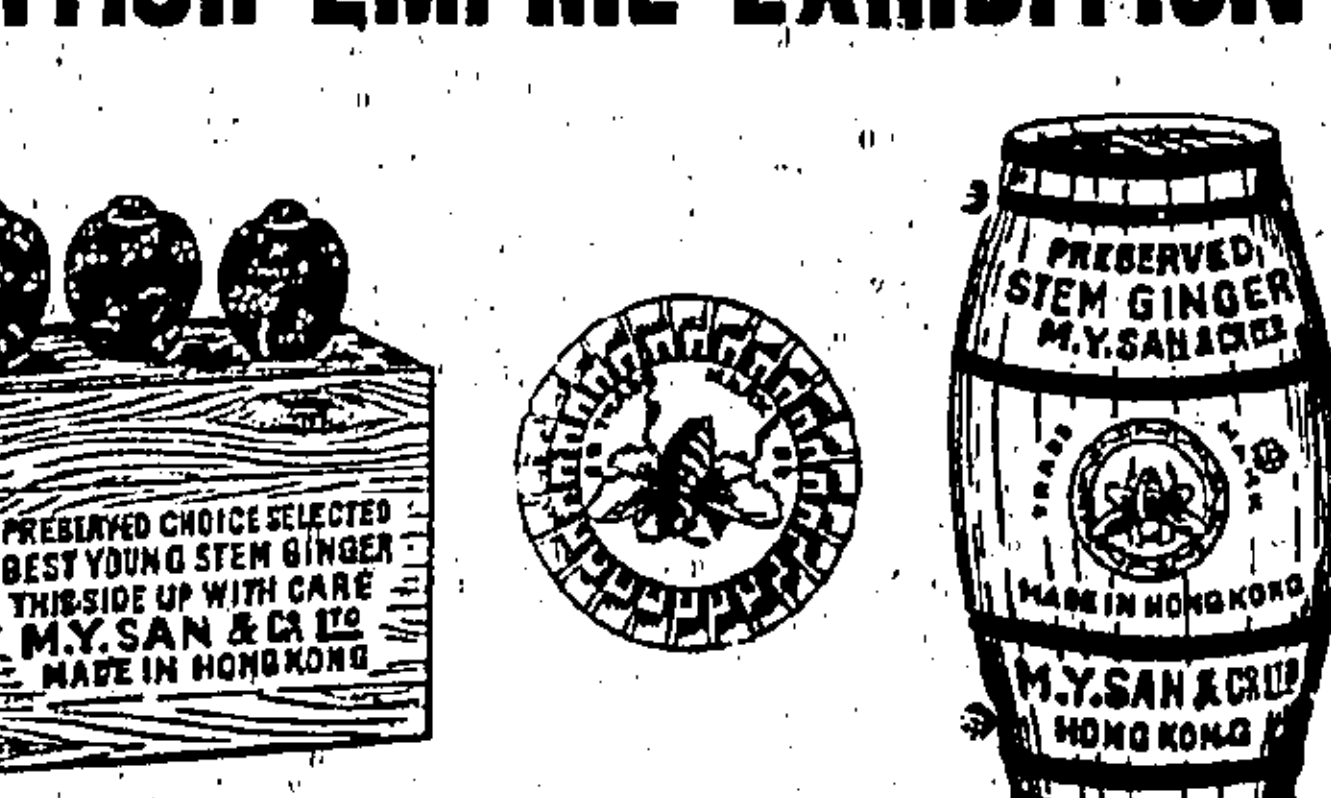
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